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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 49745
Stella Z. WU, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3436
Application No.: 10/781,637	:	Group Art Unit: 1773
Filed: February 20, 2004	:	Examiner: Holly C. Rickman
For: MAGNETIC ALLOY CONTAINING TI02 FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING APPLICATION		

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 21, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

- Group I. Claims 1 through 11, directed to a magnetic recording medium; or
- Group II. Claims 12 through 20, directed to a method.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute article claims 1 through 11, directed to a granular magnetic recording medium. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 11 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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Respectfully submitted,

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